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The Store With The Stock

Secure Your Garden Seeds

It appears to be quite certain that the supply of garden seeds will be short next spring. While there is nothing that can be done at present towards increasing the supply available, it will be wise for those who have surplus supplies on hand to take good care of them. Equally wise will be those who secure their seeds now and so save themselves trouble.

Most of the standard garden seeds, such as the seeds of beets, mangels, rape, cabbage, turnips, carrots etc., come from Germany and Belgium and to a less extent from England and Scotland. Since the war started we have been using up the surplus on hand from these sources, but the supplies of Germany and Belgium are now cut off, and we have not made any progress in the production of garden seeds sufficient to appreciably affect the supply. Those who rely on their gardens to furnish an important part of their home living should be careful to protect themselves.

The St. Mary's Church Sunday School held their Christmas tree and tea, at the home of Mrs G. A. Durk, on Saturday last, December 22. With the help of the ladies of the Church the affair proved a good success. The arrival of Santa Claus was a great moment for the children, and they were in high glee as he handed out toys and candies among them.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday last, December 11, was a red letter day for both the big and little children—it was the day of the Christmas tree entertainment by the Union Sunday School. Universally, the entertainment as a junior affair, was accorded as being the best of it's kind that has been staged here. Among the large number of parties present, both little and big, there was not a single one who failed to rise to the occasion. Drills, dialogues, readings and songs followed each other smoothly and without delay. Adults and children enjoyed the entertainment immensely. As fitting wind-up to the evening's fun, for the children, was the distribution of toys by Santa Claus who very appropriately appeared at closing time. The discipline, and the seriousness with which the children took their parts testified to the good training they had received from Miss Deckman and Mr. and Mrs. Pybus. The following was the program:

1 Opening Chorus.
2 Drill—"Good Night."
3 Dialogue—"St. Nicholas."
4 Recitation—Jessie Hudson.
5 Drill—"Our Country's Flag."
6 Pantomime—Searching for Happiness.
7 Chorus—"Christ as Candles."
8 Ghost Dialogue.
9 Vocal Solo—Irene Pullin.
10 Maypole Drill.
11 Pantomime—"Rock of Ages."
12 Girls Chorus
13 Military Drill.
14 Song—"I don't want to play in your yard.
15 Dialogue—"The Ticket Agent."
18 "The Good Night Song."
"God Save The King."

Produce More Bacon

Screenings for Hog Feed

The Provincial Department of Agriculture will receive applications from individuals or co-operative associations for the purchase of screenings for feeding purposes. Only "A" screenings available and in car lots.

Write or wire for further information and prices to J. D. SMITH, Supt. Seed and Weed Branch, Department of Agriculture, Edmonton, Alberta.

HON. DUNCAN MARSHALL
Minister of Agriculture, Edmonton, Alberta

H. A. CRAIG,
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Screenings Available For Hog Feed

The Provincial Department of Agriculture is giving the best assistance possible to the campaign for increased hog production in order to meet the urgent need of the Allies for larger supplies of bacon. The question of economical feeds in sufficient quantity is necessarily important in meat production, and in times of keen demand the cheaper foods take on a relatively higher value. In former years large quantities of our screenings have been exported to the United States, but by a recent Federal order-in-council, an embargo has been put on screenings in order to encourage a larger use within the Dominion, under the direction of the food control. Licenses on export will not be granted until the Live Stock Branch of the Federal Department of Agriculture, acting for the Food Controller has had opportunity to purchase at the export price offered to millers. The grade called "A" screenings are the class of feed being offered to feeders. They consist chiefly of cracked wheat, oats, buckwheat, wild oats and other grains, but are seperated screenings and do not include dark seeds. A considerable supply of this feed is now held by the Federal Department of Agriculture and is available for immediate shipment to feeders.

The Provincial Department of Agriculture is co-operating with the Federal Government by undertaking to receive application for supplies of this feed, and to attend to its distribution. It is available only in carlots either to individuals or to co-operative groups. Co-operative groups may be such farmers' organizations as the United Farmers' Associations, the Agricultural Societies or any other group which may co-operate simply for the purpose of securing these supplies. Shipments will be made on usual feed terms, namely sight-draft attached to bill of lading. Accepted cheque for $100 which will be returned on completion of the sale must be sent with the order.

Applications may be made to J. D. Smith, Supt. of Seed and Weed Branch, Department of Agriculture, Edmonton, Alberta.

McKenzie-Badger

On Friday afternoon, December 21, at the Manse, the marriage of Robert Colin McKenzie to Mary Marshall Badger, was solemnized by the Rev. G. G. Pybus. The ceremony was witnessed by Miss Ena McKenzie and Mr. Thomas Heen. The young couple will reside near Gorenfeld, Sask. Congratulations are extended.

UNITED CHURCH

Rev. G. G. Pybus, B.A., Pastor

Services, Sunday, December 30th, in the Grand Theater. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 2.30 p.m.; regular preaching service, 7.30 p.m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, January 1st, 1918, at a place to be announced. You are cordially invited to all of these services.

LOST

$5 reward for information leading to recovery of three black spring calves and one red yearling gelt. Strayed from 25, 29, 1—W. V. Gore, Saltella, Alta.

Alberta and Sask. Will be "Bone Dry" After April 1, 1918

Official announcement was made by the Prime Minister at noon last Saturday, of the prohibition of the importation of intoxicating liquors into Canada after Monday, Dec. 24. The only exception is in the case of purchases made before that date.

The announcement reads:

"On December 17 the people gave to the Government an unmistakable mandate for the vigorous prosecution of the war and the employment of all the country's energies and resources necessary to achieve victory. It is essential and indeed vital for the efficient conduct of the war that wasteful or unnecessary expenditure should be prohibited and that all articles capable of being utilized as food should be conserved. It is beyond question that the use of liquor affects adversely the realization of this purpose.

"The subject has been under consideration by the War Committee of the Cabinet and the following conclusions have been reached:

"(1). Any liquor or beverage containing more than 2½ per cent. alcohol shall be regarded as intoxicating liquor.

"(2). The importation of intoxicating liquor into Canada is prohibited on and after December 24, 1917, unless it shall [illegible] on or before that date for importation into Canada and unless, having been so purchased, it is imported into Canada not later than the 31st day of January, 1918. The final determination upon any question respecting such purchase shall rest with the Minister of Customs. This regulation shall not apply to importations for medicinal, sacramental, manufacturing or chemical supplies.

"(3). The transportation of liquor into any part of Canada wherein the sale of intoxicating liquor is illegal, will be prohibited on and after April 1, 1918.

"(4). The manufacture of intoxicating liquor within Canada will be prohibited on and after a date to be determined upon further investigation and consideration of the actual conditions of the industry.

"As above mentioned, the prohibition of importation became effective on Monday last, December 24th.

"The regulations to carry into effect the other provisions above mentioned are being prepared, and as soon as approved they will be enacted under the [illegible] Act.

"The foregoing provisions shall remain in force during the war and for twelve months after the conclusion of peace."

Grand Theatre

TONIGHT—DEC. 28

Evelyn Nesbit and her son, Russell Thaw, in

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Saturday Night, December 29th

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Monday Night, December 31st

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Value of Corn

Luther Burbank Says It Is Best Cereal Except Wheat and Rice

Luther Burbank of California has declared that he was misquoted in the statement recently attributed to him that corn diet is injurious to the national health.

In his denial he says:

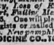
"I am in thorough sympathy with the effort to get corn more generally introduced into the dietary of the United States. It is in my opinion the best cereal food, except wheat and rice, and people should by all means be encouraged to use it far more liberally than it has been used, as it supplies all of the elements of nutrition in nearly the right proportions and will take the place of so much meat with great advantage to the health of those who use it. It will certainly be far better to use a good proportion of it rather than so much fine white flour."

Aviator Tackled Nine Gothas

Tackling nine Gothas single-handed, and sending two crashing down into the sea after a thrilling fight at a height of 12,000 feet, was the gallant deed for which Squadron Commander Gerald Hervey, of the R.N.A.S., has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order. Commander Tervey was born in Stratford, Ont., and took out his certificate in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. P. C. B. Hervey, his parents, reside in Calgary.

"Do you have any trouble with your steam furnace?"

"Nothing except getting coal for it."—Detroit Free Press.



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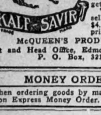
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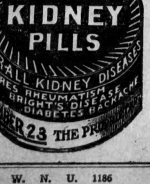
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Substitute for Linseed

The sun flower seems destined to play an important part in the economic life of the United States as a substitute for linseed. A report was recently made before a convention of the National Paint and Varnish association, which declared that the cultivation of the sun flower for this purpose can be made to yield a gross return to the farmer of from $30 to $35 an acre.



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The Tragedy of the Sea

War Has Brought Greatest Tragedy of Maritime History

We have fed the sea for a "thousand years," but never as we are forced to feed it today; it has become in the past thirty-eight months a place of quiet sepulture for tens of thousands of our fellow-countrymen, their graves unmarked except for the flowers of memory. Where is the romance of the sea which lured our seamen, as boys or youths, away from the comfort and security of home? The great adventure has become the great tragedy of maritime history. Romance has been overlaid by realities of crime and cruelty, which are, happily, fresh in human experience. The naval bluejacket thought to fight in the open an honorable foe, both sides using legitimate weapons of war, in accordance with the immemorial restraints; instead he is confronted by men who have forgotten the meaning of honor in word or deed, and take pride in striking felon's blows. "Humanity after action," was Nelson's motto; inhumanity before, during and after action is the cry of the Germans.—From the London Daily Telegraph.

PAIN? NOT A BIT! LIFT YOUR CORNS OR CALLUSES OFF

No humbug! Apply few drops then just lift them away with fingers.

This new drug is an ether compound discovered by a Cincinnati chemist. It is called freezone, and can now be obtained in tiny bottles as here shown at very little cost from any drug store. Just ask for freezone. Apply a drop or two directly upon a tender corn or callus and instantly the soreness disappears. Shortly you will find the corn or callus so loose that you can lift it off, root and all, with the fingers.



Not a twinge of pain, soreness or irritation; not even the slightest smarting, either when applying freezone or afterwards.

This drug doesn't eat up the corn or callus, but shrivels them so they loosen and come right out. It is no humbug! It works like a charm. For a few cents you can get rid of every hard corn, soft corn or corn between the toes, as well as painful calluses on bottom of your feet. It never disappoints and never burns, bites or inflames. If your druggist hasn't any freezone yet, tell him to get a little bottle for you from his wholesale house.

Immigration Increases

Immigration Into Western Canada during the first 10 months of the present year has more than doubled the returns for the same period in 1916, and more than tripled the 1915 figures.

Wife (reading letter)—Well, I declare! Here's Jim Brown that I used to know, come back from the West with a fortune.

Hub—Well, go on! I'm waiting.

Wife—Waiting for what?

Hub—For you to throw up to me that you might have married him.—Boston Transcript.

Warts will render the prettiest hands unsightly. Clear the excrescences away by using Holloway's Corn Cure, which acts thoroughly and painlessly.

"I wonder why it is that we love the old songs best?" asked the sentimental one.

"I think," said her workaday hearer, "it's because they're not sung so often."—Buffalo Express.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Canary Causes British Panic

It Is Shot Before Revealing Weeks of Mining Operations

How one little canary bird caused consternation among an entire division of British troops and had to be killed, is told by Dr. Robert Davis, recently arrived in the United States to lecture at the officers' training camps on activities of the Red Cross in Europe.

"For more than a month on a northern sector of the line the British had been secretly mining beneath the German trenches," said Dr. Davis. "The work was almost complete. During the operations several canary birds were, as usual, kept in the excavations to warn the workers of the presence of fire damp, which is fatal to the birds. One little songster, however, escaped from its job, flew into the middle of No Man's Land and alighting on a bush began to sing.

"Consternation reigned in the British lines. If the bird had been discovered by the Germans the work of weeks would go for naught, as the enemy could easily interpret the meaning of its presence and prepare to combat the sapping operations. The infantry was immediately ordered to open fire on the canary to destroy it. But it seemed to bear a charmed life. Even the sharpshooters failed to bring it down, as it hopped from twig to twig. Finally the artillery had to be called on. A trench gun with a well-aimed shell blew the bird and the bush and the song into nothingness."

The Saskatoon "Star" says: "There is a dispute between the C.P.R. and the conductors. Just what the point of difference is, is not yet known, but those conversant with railway matters say that the company is demanding a share of the fares."

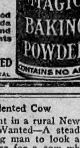


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Rural Planning And Development

A New Report on Problems of Vital and Current Interest in Canada

The latest report of the commission of conservation deals with the important subject of the planning and development of rural districts and small towns in Canada. It has been prepared by Mr. Thomas Adams town planning adviser of the commission, who has made a close study of the problems of rural development in this country during the past three years, following twenty-five years experience in farming, land surveying and town planning in other countries.

The report deals comprehensively with the social conditions and tendencies in rural areas and the prevailing systems of land settlement and development. It indicates the rural problems requiring solution in order to secure the proper development and economic use of land for purpose of efficiency, health, convenience and amenity. The great injury which land development in Canada suffers, from speculation, neglect of public health and want of expert business administration of land settlement, is considered. Incidentally, the problem of returned soldiers is dealt with, and the connection between land development and such questions as taxation, unemployment, and high cost of living is clearly shown.

Having regard to the need for more attention being given to production in Canada; to the extent to which production is impaired by speculation in land, by neglect of public health, and by haphazard systems of development; to the importance of increasing the supply of human skill and energy and of capital derived from production instead of by borrowing; the problems dealt with in this report are of vital and current interest to the people of this country.

There are five appendices by competent authorities, and the concluding chapter gives an outline of proposals and makes general recommendations to cover the conditions as presented.

He—Old Peaches and Cream!

She—Harold I've been talking to the milkman—and we can't afford for you to call me anything but peaches. —Judge.

Hope for the Chronic Dyspeptic.—Through lack of consideration of the body's needs many persons allow disorders of the digestive apparatus to endure until they become chronic, filling days and nights with suffering. To these a course of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills is recommended as a sure and speedy way to regain health. These pills are specially compounded to combat dyspepsia and the many ills that follow in its train, and they are successful always.

Scottish Romance

How Love Triumphed Over the Military Regulations

Leave of absence from a Scottish camp having been refused him, a lad of nineteen left his quarters in order to get married, but when the train was a mile from the station where the prospective bride was waiting the soldier was arrested as a deserter.

When his story was told at Glasgow police court Baillie Mitchell expressed regret that he could not perform the marriage, but he pointed out that, as both parties had expressed their desire for marriage, with the court as witnesses, the Scots law was satisfied, and all that was required was the sheriff's permission to register.

The couple went to the county buildings, where the legal formality of declaration was gone through, and later the bridegroom returned to the police station to await an escort.

Big Potato Yield

A farmer at Delacour, Alberta, took from three-quarters of an acre 300 bushels of clean potatoes, three of which weighed more than seven and a half pounds. It was declared by experts that out of the 300 bushels at least one hundred bushels of potatoes weighing more than a pound and a half each could be selected. Some of the potatoes were on view at a store in Calgary, and created much interest.

FALL SKIN SORES

When troubled with fall rashes, eczema, or any skin disease apply Zam-Buk!

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Talented Cow

Advertisement in a rural New England weekly—Wanted—A steady, respectable young man to look after a garden and care for a cow who has a good voice and is accustomed to sing in the choir.—Christian Register.

RHEUMATISM CURED

In the days of our fathers and grandfathers rheumatism was thought to be the unavoidable penalty of middle life and old age. Almost every elderly person had rheumatism, as well as many young people. Medical science did not understand the trouble—did not know that it was rooted in the blood. It was thought that rheumatism was the mere effect of exposure to cold and damp, and it was treated with liniments and hot applications, which sometimes gave temporary relief, but did not cure the trouble. In those days there were thousands of rheumatic cripples. Now, medical science understands that rheumatism is a disease of the blood, and that with good, rich, red blood any man or woman of any age can defy rheumatism can be cured by killing the poison in the blood which causes it. There are many elderly people who have never felt a twinge of rheumatism, and many who have conquered it by simply keeping their blood rich and pure. The blood making, blood enriching qualities of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is becoming every year more widely known, and it is the more general use of these pills that has robbed rheumatism of its terrors. At the first sign of poor blood, which is shown by loss of appetite, palpitations, dull skin and dim eyes, protect yourself against the further ravages of disease by taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They have cured thousands of people—if you give them a fair trial they will not disappoint you.

You can get these pills through any dealer in medicine or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Many New Elevators

Capacity of Co-operative Elevators Is Increasing

During the present year the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company has erected thirty-one elevators, and has still under construction six more, which will be completed this fall. The thirty-seven elevators will involve an expenditure of $350,000, and will bring the number of elevators in the province co-operatively owned to more than three hundred.

In Alberta the United Grain Growers, formerly the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company, will have 145 elevators in operation in time to handle this year's crop. Last year they handled 16,068,000 bushels of grain through 103 elevators, which was the number then in operation, an average of 156,000 bushels per elevator.

It Bids Pain Begone.—When neuralgia racks the nerves or lumbago cripples the back is the time to test the virtues of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Well rubbed in it will still the pain and produce a sensation of ease and rest. There is nothing like it as a liniment for its curative properties are great. A trial of it will establish faith in it.

Western Cattle Receipts

In the nine months ending September 30, 13,948 more stockers passed through the Winnipeg yards than for the same period in 1916. Of the 38,579 head of stocker cattle received at the Winnipeg yards, 20,267 went back on to the Western farms to be finished, while the United States has received a much smaller percentage than in previous years.

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Lakefield, Que., Oct. 9, 1907.

Don't Kiss Anybody

Dr. Hastings' Advice to People With Colds

Dr. Hastings, of Toronto, gives the following advice to people afflicted with colds:

1. Keep away from places where people congregate.
2. Do not use the same drinking cup as other people—you shouldn't do so at any time.
3. Do not kiss people, and shun too close contact with them.
4. Destroy your mouth and nose secretions by boiling or by fire.
5. If you have fever or aches go to bed ond stay there until you feel better.
6. Always remember that you have no more right to give anyone else a cold than you have to give them diphtheria or smallpox, and that you are very foolish to "take a cold" from anybody else if you can help it.

The U. S. Obstructionists

People Who are Putting Profits Before Patriotism

The first-class and second-class mail that comes to our desk contains much complaint. And there is much ground for complaint.

Plenty of people are putting profits before patriotism. Some leaders and organizations of labor are as ready to fight out a little private war for their private gain as though the nation were at peace. Some representatives of capital are unwilling to abate a lot of their old stiff-necked, stupid hostility to all labor organizations. As bad as either of them are those distinguished statesmen who wished to enrage Northwestern farmers against the government and against the war.

War-obstructing enemy helpers in congress naturally raise the temperature of patriotic blood. Notorious faults of that body are especially irritating at this time. Among those, out of congress, who placed themselves in violent opposition to the president and his cabinet in the two years preceding our declaration of war, there are a few who cannot resist the temptation to heave a brick now.

The ancient battle between haves and have-nots finds abundant opportunity to rage; and there is plenty of demagoguery on one side of it and plenty of selfishness on the other.

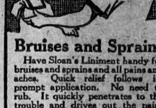
Whether it is your habit to view public affairs from the conservative right or the radical left or the center, you can find much to complain about.

But the great mass movement has the right direction and velocity. We have caught the stroke. In Wall Street and in the corner grocery, in shops and on farms, scores of millions are in the attitude of hearty, vigorous co-operation with the government. Broadly, we are going right—and we are going to win.—From the Saturday Evening Post.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

Never Again!

We shall show no foolish optimism, for our temper is going to be proved. Only "he that endures to the end shall be saved." Yet we can make the Germans understand that with each month the war continues the term of years after the war during which German seamen and ships will be excluded from British ports and German goods will be penalized will increase. We can also make them understand that we are not going through all this agony again. No peace campaign, no sham offers, and no trials will shake the inflexible resolution of the British people.—London Daily Mail.



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Prices of Lower Grades of Wheat

The board of grain supervisors have set the following prices per bushel of wheat of the following grades from the 1st of November, 1917, until the 31st of August, 1918, inclusive:

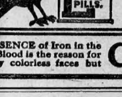
No. 4 wheat, $2.08; No. 5 wheat, $1.95; No. 6 wheat, $1.87.

These prices are based in store public terminal elevators at Fort William and Port Arthur.

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WHAT CANADA HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN THE GREAT FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

SPLENDID ACHIEVEMENTS OF A YOUNG NATION

Interesting Summary of the War Activities of the Dominion Brings To Notice the Contributions in Men and Wealth That Shows A Record of Which History Has No Parallel

F. H. Auld, deputy minister of agriculture, province of Saskatchewan, contributes the following stirring article in a recent issue of the Agricultural Review:

It is only possible to give the merest summary of the war activities of Canada. To enter into particulars would easily fill a large space, and the great bulk of the information is not available to the ordinary enquirer, and, in addition to this, the publication of these matters would probably be disapproved by the censor. It will thus be seen that is a matter of some difficulty to present anything like a complete answer to the question, "What has Canada done in the war?"

We find that on August 4, 1914, when war was declared, Canada had a public debt of $314,301,635; and at the present time she is spending on war alone, over here and overseas, one million dollars daily, and, in addition to all this material treasure, we have given of our best blood and brawn close to 400,000 men.

Within six weeks after the declaration of war, 33,000 men were armed, equipped, and on economic grounds, as well as on economic grounds, and an increased acreage appears to have been seeded to grain crops. But conditions already indicate that the desired production cannot this year be realized. Food control is being exercised by the government as in the United States, with a view to conserving supplies for our armies and for our allies overseas.

Speaking editorially of Mr. Auld's article the Review has the following to say:

A short article by F. H. Auld, deputy minister of agriculture for the province of Saskatchewan, in this issue, sets forth modestly, but clearly, what Canada has done and is doing in the great war.

History holds no parallel to the record being made by Canada. Far removed from the present scenes of conflict, self-sustaining, not dependent upon Great Britain, and under no necessity of contributing a single soldier or a dollar to the cause of the allies, she has voluntarily poured forth a wealth of treasure, while her sturdy sons have of their own volition formed an army comparable in numbers to the forces of great nations, and of a quality never surpassed. The chagrin felt by Germany on account of Britain entering the war, and expressed in hatred, has found peculiar vent against Canada. The strongest forces that could be mustered have been hurled against the Canadians. Orders often went out to "take no Canadian prisoners." The hardest fighting of all the war has been done and is being done by Canadians. Every devilish device in the whole category of outlawed and inhuman German practices has been employed against them. But they have withstood the fiercest attacks any soldiers were ever subjected to, and have repeatedly stormed and conquered apparently impregnable positions, over the most resolute defences. They are a mighty power in a mighty war.

The glory of France can never be dimmed. But France is waging a defensive fight, for her very life. Italy fights for territorial greatness, and fights well. Britain's fight was and is semi-defensive. Russia fights against the danger of immediate loss of her national unity and freedom. Canada fights for an ideal; for humanity. She might easily have ridden to high commercial and industrial prosperity on the tide of opportunity, and achieved territorial greatness by ignoring the call of justice and civilization, and selfishly leaving her mother country to her fate.

Canada's action is a tribute to Great Britain which should be treasured as the brightest jewel in her collection.

Canada's example will shine through all history.

Hats off and hands extended to "Our Lady of the Snows."

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To Conserve Food

British Food Controller Sends Message to United States

Lord Rhondda, the British food controller, has cabled to United States Food Administrator Hoover the following message concerning Food Pledge Week and its principles:

When "the despicable little British army" three years ago flung itself in to the breach and barred the road to Calais, it was inspired not by a reasoned hope of defeating overwhelmingly the German army, not by any thought of conquest, but by those highest of all human aspirations—duty and self-sacrifice. In glorious fulfilment of those aspirations the majority of that "despicable little army" now lie in soldiers' graves. In the cause millions of our manhood have freely offered their lives.

The gallant Belgian handful that saved the day by holding the German armies at Liege; the magnificent troops of France that forever shattered at the battle of the Marne the kaiser's dream of a Prussianized Europe; the Serbs who contested inch by inch against infinitely superior forces the integrity of their native land—all were actuated by the same motives. Most of them now have only white wooden crosses to mark their self-sacrifice and devotion to duty.

To my own fellow countrymen I say quite frankly that what we ask of them in food economy is nothing worthy the name of sacrifice. If those who continue to live and stay in comparative comfort at home (air raids do not really disturb the daily routine) are not willing to deprive themselves of quite unessential foods then our bravest men died in vain.

I have entirely placed all the prime necessities of life under government control, both as to import and home production price. It would have been impossible to do this without your co-operation and advice in connection with our imported supplies.

If there is no marked reduction as a result of our voluntary food economy campaign, the only course will be put on compulsory rations. The disadvantages of this you know better than I, but you also know that we are all faced with a shortage of the world's supply of cereals, meats, fats and sugar. For all these the allies in Europe are largely dependent upon the American people. Unless there is real self-sacrifice, real co-operation in the common campaign for conservation and increased production of food, then food will not win the war. The result of your food pledge week means much to us and more to civilization.

Bullets of Gold

Few Materials From Which Bullets Have Not Been Fashioned

The recent recovery of a silver bullet from the leg of a Frenchman at Verdun recalls the days when thousands of Sardinians and Austrians were killed in their death by similar missiles fashioned from the altar-silver taken by Napoleon's soldiers from Italian churches.

Bullets of solid gold, too, have been used with deadly effect. It is said that thousands of lives have been ended by them in the Mexican wars, and the favorite bullet of the Kashmir warrior was for long a garnet enclosed in lead, which he regarded as a certain passport to Paradise.

There are, indeed, few materials from which bullets have not been fashioned, from iron and lead upwards to copper and brass. They have been steeped in deadly poisons, filled with explosives and acids, and have been made heavy with mercury. In the Crimea many a soldier, when his bullet pouch was empty, fired his ramrod as a parting salute to the enemy; and in the Peninsular war one of our most gallant colonels was found dead with a silver pencil case embedded in his heart.—Tit-Bits.

The Battle in Germany

The Spirit of Unrest in Germany Has Good Omen

The contest between democracy and kaiserism is one that we cannot help following with the warmest hopes for the triumph of the German people; not only for our own sake, but for the sake of the new Germany which this country would wish to take its place in a new world. We cannot say with certainty how near the battle is to a decision, but there are indications of victory for the better side. Junker counter-charges, Pan-German raids, and concealed Reventlow machine gun emplacements may hold up the attack of the German people on the Hohenzollern redoubt. It may be some time yet before the determination of the German masses may wipe out the shame of Belgium, inflicted upon them by the German military caste, will have its way; but before the idea of world domination surrenders with the world. For the present it is encouraging that the battle is still in progress.—From the New York Evening Post.

The Soldiers' Sewing Class

A new means of distraction for men still under treatment after their discharge from hospital has been found at Boulbie Dakhrour convalescent camp, which accommodates a hundred from the western front. A sewing class was started, under skilled instruction, to provide garments for refugees from Palestine who have come into the British lines for shelter and succor. At first the men were given only the straightforward sewing of children's dresses already cut out and tacked together, but so rapid was their progress that they were soon allowed to do their cutting out as well. Several hundred small garments have already been forwarded to the camp where the refugees are concentrated.

"Charlie is so systematic."

"How now?"

"I asked him in my last letter if he liked my eyes, and now he refers me to his communication of February 24. Says he treated the subject exhaustively in that communication."—Life.

Women Exposed To Shell Fire

More German Brutality in Belgium Revealed by Boche's Letter

Belgian women and girls are being compelled to build concrete dugouts under artillery fire. The statement that this form of slavery has actually been practised is recorded in the diary of a German soldier who was recently captured. He belonged to a Landwehr division and was personally in charge of a number of these unfortunate Belgians, who were daily herded together and taken to a spot near the German lines to perform manual labor of the hardest kind, in constant danger of death. The soldier's diary tells the story as follows:

"I am going to give another instance of the inefficiency of the German authorities. Since the 18th inst. fifty women and young girls have been working at concrete dugouts at Leke. As Leke is in the zone of fire, and was shelled no later than yesterday, this is another case in which we cannot understand the action of the authorities. If this isn't taken by way of reprisal, then it is a shameful deed on the part of Germany, which can not be surpassed even in imagination. The civilian population of Leke was evacuated three or four weeks ago, and now women and children are compelled to work at the concrete works of the village.

"It is a shame that such steps should be taken, whether there is reason for it or not. I am sure of the facts which I state, for it is my duty to take a gang of forty-seven women to Leke every morning, and bring them back in the evening."

An illustration of the German disregard for the laws of war and humanity can be found in an incident which occurred the other night near Houthoist Forest. The British heard cries of "Stretcher bearers!" from No Man's Land. It naturally was assumed that a wounded man was calling for help, and Red Cross bearers rushed out through the darkness to render assistance. They were shot down by German snipers, who used this ruse to entice them into the open.

There have been many other cases recently in which German snipers have shot down Red Cross workers deliberately, despite the fact that German Red Cross workers have been permitted to work unmolested.

The First Contingent

Survivors of First Contingent Who Have Done Their Part Nobly

Mr. Stewart Lyon's suggestion that leave should be granted to the survivors of the first contingent to return to Canada is one that will meet with a sympathetic response from the public at large. These men, who hesitated not a moment to spring to arms at the call of duty, have seen something like three years of active warfare, and their ranks, as Mr. Lyon says, have been woefully thinned. It comes as a shock to hear that the highest number of original firsts in any battalion is 110, out of a total strength of 1,100. Many have made the supreme sacrifice, and more have been invalided home, either through wounds or sickness. It is hardly possible to believe that the remainder are not utterly war-weary. If there are no military reasons in the way of their return (and there is), it would seem only a simple act of justice to allow them to return now. They have done their part nobly.—Montreal Herald.

Value of Western Canada's Crop

The 1917 grain crop of Western Canada will net the farmers more than 400,000,000 according to figures given out in financial circles. The figures are based on the following estimates:

Wheat $400,000,000; oats $150,000,000; barley $36,000,000; flax $20,000,000.

In addition to the large amount of money farmers will get for their grain crops, everything the farmer has to sell is bringing a higher price this year than in any previous year.

Ye Olde Walke ... 's!

"THE HOUSE OF PLENTY"

PRESENTS

NAPOLEON BONAPARTE'S ADVICE TO A YOUNG MAN LEAVING FOR AMERICA

"You soon depart for the Western and I for the Eastern Hemisphere. A new career is opened before me, and I hope to unite my name with new and great events and with the unrivaled greatness of the republic; you go to unite yourself once more with a people among whom I behold at once the simple manners of the first age of Rome and the history of her decline; where I see the taste, the sensibility and science of Athens, with her factions, and the valor of Sparta without her disciplines.

"As a citizen of the world, I would address your country in the following language: Every man and every nation is ambitious, and ambition grows with power, as the blaze of a vertical sun is more fierce. Cherish, therefore, a national strength; strengthen your political institution; remember that armies and navies are of the same use in the world as the police of London or Paris, and soldiers are not made like potters vessels in a minute; cultivate unless or your empire will be like a colossus of gold fallen on the earth, broken in pieces, and the prey of foreign and domestic Saracens. If you are wise your republic will be permanent; and, perhaps, Washington will be hailed as the founder of a glorious and happy empire when the name of Bonaparte shall be obscured by succeeding revolutions." (Copyrighted).

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MUST DEMONSTRATE GERMANY CANNOT ESCAPE MILITARY DEFEAT

THE ONLY CHANCE TO SECURE PERMANENT PEACE

The Whole German System is Founded Upon Military Victories And the Legend of Successful Wars Followed by Profitable Plundering, and This Idea Must Be for Ever Destroyed

We shall not have done with the German peril until we have destroyed the whole system on which German foreign policy rests and has rested for more than a century. We shall not be free from recurring dangers on the side of Germany until we have proved that Germany will be the worst sufferer from such wars. No one need think twice of any appeal to German conscience or German humanity; these are attributes which have still to be acquired by Germany, so far as international relations are concerned. Our sole chance for permanent peace lies in establishing the fact in the German mind that there is no profit in international thieving, assassination and other equally characteristic Teutonic enterprise.

Whatever he may be at home, abroad the German is a Hun, a barbarian. He murders, he pilfers, he defies and he destroys solely to profit himself. He does these things because in the past he has profited by them. He can see upon the mad written in German colors the proof of the wisdom of such policies, as he has pursued them in the past. And so long as this evidence stands uncontradicted we shall have the German barbarian coming out of the north on plundering expeditions in the future as we have had him in the past, even as Rome had to face similar incursions.

We shall not get permanent peace by treating a land of the wolf as we treat a Hun. One might just as well attempt to cure a man-eating tiger of his blood-lust by feeding him on soft words as to break the German of his historic habits by equally futile kind words. The way to treat a German while Germans follow their present methods, is as a common peril to all civilized mankind. Since the German employs the methods of the wild beast, he must be treated as beyond the pale of generous and kind methods. When one is generous to a German he plans to take advantage of that generosity to rob or murder; this is his international history, never more conspicuously illustrated than here in America. Kindness he interprets as fear, regard for international law as proof of decadence; agitation for disarmament has been for him the final evidence of the degeneracy of his neighbors.

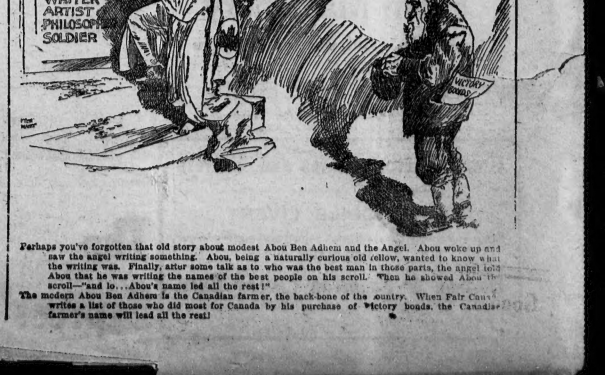
The beginning of security for the world and of civilization for the German will be the demonstration by this war that the German cannot win, cannot escape defeat, with all its fatal consequences, whenever he attacks his neighbors solely for plunder and for power. The whole German system is founded upon military victories and the legend of successful wars followed by profitable plunderings. This legend can be destroyed only upon the battlefield, and under the contemporary British attack it is fast being destroyed. Fools and faint-hearts behind the line may yet rob the dead and the living, who have fought this war, of the fruits of their labors and their sacrifices; but only these can save a German military machine whose defeat is now assured in the war goes through another campaign. We are near to liberation, we are approaching the certain realization of all that millions have died to attain, and, as always happens as victory approaches, those who are whining the fight have to face the enemy at the front and face the cowards at home.—From the New York Tribune.

An old story which is being retold in numerous concerns now is a sausage makers. They lived on opposite sides of a certain street, and one day one of them placed over his shop the legend, "We sell sausages to the gentry and nobility of the county." The next day, on the way, appeared the sign, "We sell sausages to the gentry and nobility of the whole country." Not to be outdone, the rival put up what he evidently regarded as a final statment, namely, "We sell sausages to the king." Next day there appeared over the door of the first sausage maker the simple expression of loyalty, "God save the King."

White Mice Are in Demand

White mice are in urgent demand in New York and throughout the United States generally. Because the United States government is using the little animals to test impurities in the air in submarines, thus using a large part of the available supply, the research laboratory of the department of health may have to discontinue testing pneumonia germs for the physicians of New York.

THE MODERN ABOU



Perhaps you've forgotten that old story about modest Abou Ben Adhem and the Angel. Abou woke up and saw the angel writing something. Abou, being a naturally curious old fellow, wanted to know what the writing was. Finally, after some talk as to who was the best man in those parts, the angel told Abou that he was writing the names of the best people on his scroll. Then he showed Abou the scroll—"and lo...Abou's name led all the rest!"

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Facing The New Year

The clock will strike 12 on December 31st, and we will be ushered a New Year—with how many plans for the future—new resolves, many alas! that are made to be broken. But let us welcome the untrodden paths and grasp the new conditions with a firm hand, grateful for the blessings the old year has brought to us.

If the old year has brought sorrow and desolation, and hung crape on our doors, the new year will bring us the leaves of healing, and we are glad to part with the one and welcome the other. If, on the contrary, the old year has brought us only joy and comfort, we part from him sorrowfully, but meet his successor with the ardent hope, that he, too, comes with blessing. The sober, jollity of New Year's Day is like standing for one brief moment on the threshold between time and eternity. Here is the world we know—yonder the world that is new and untried.

Church of Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem Looted by Turks

It has been announced that the Turks, previous to sutrendering Jerusalem, brutally ill-treated Christian priests, and carried off the famous treasure of the church of the Holy Sepulchre. The treasure which is valued at millions of dollars is reported to have been sent to Berlin with the church's famous ostensory of brilliants.

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AUSTRALIAN MAJORITY AGAINST CONSCRIPTION WAS 175,000 VOTES

The latest returns in the voting on the conscription referendum in Australia place the result as follows: for conscription, 792,000; against 957,000; majority against, 175,000. This does not include the soldiers' vote, which is now being counted in London, and on which the carrying of the referendum now rests.

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Farmers Are Wanted On The Land

Regina, Dec. 22.—A telegram has been received by the president of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers Association from the Department of Agriculture of the Dominion Government asking that the farmers assist in the work of securing exemptions for bona fide farmers who are needed on the land. Boards are being appointed to which the names of persons requiring exemption should be be sent. The appointments for the Saskatoon district are: R. J. Wells, S. H. Carr and Thomas Sales, all well-known farmers, and Donald Maclean, leader of the opposition in the Saskatchewan Legislature and a prominent Saskatoon lawyer. Other appointments will follow later. The telegram is as follows:

"It has been brought to the attention of the Minister of Agriculture, that farmers' sons and farm laborers, whose services cannot be spared, are being drafted into military service. The Minister has appointed certain farmers, as far as possible prominent grain growers, to enquire into all such cases, and to report to the military representative with headquarters in Regina. This is done that such persons may remain on the farm. This applies to bona fide farmers and farm help only, but it applies to cases where appeals for exemption were not made. Anyone knowing of any case where they are convinced that persons would be better employed on the farm should communicate with these boards. In all cases the names and serial numbers of persons drafted should be given."

Notice To Automobile Owners

Just a reminder to all owners of automobiles and chauffeurs. We are now at the New Year and licences will be required on all autos prior to to their running during 1918. Chauffeurs also will require new licenses before they are allowed to hire their cars to the passenger traffic. It costs just as much to get your licence in June as it does in January, so it may perhaps save you trouble and friction with the law to attend to this matter at once.

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"Have you come from Mrs. Tredway?" he said abruptly, with no other greeting.

"Yes, sir." Meg answered, rising, and reminding herself that she was just a maid, and not, as she had been half-dreaming, one of the well-dressed ladies in the hotel. "Mrs. Tredway is ill in bed; her head is very bad indeed, so I'm ill to come out, and she sent me to you with a message."

"Oh! she sent you with a message, did she?" The deep-set eyes looked straight into Meg's and the girl shrank a little, wondering what the cold, hard look of displeasure in the face, and doubted manner, nevertheless seemed to dominate his face.

"Come up to my sitting room," he said; "I can't talk here and I've got a sitting room this morning, expecting Mrs. Tredway to come herself." Meg wondered why another time he uttered Mrs. Tredway's name he hesitated before saying the word "Tredway, almost as if it were intended to substitute some other name. But he allowed her no time for thought, hurried her across the hall and into the lift, but speaking no word until he ushered her into a small sitting room, then he turned upon her so fiercely that she shrank away from him, seriously alarmed.

"I'm not going to hurt you," he said irritably. "Are nothing against you, why should I have; but I mean to have the truth and the whole truth. You've come with a note. Why isn't Mrs. Tredway here?"

"I have told you the truth already, sir, what I said was perfectly true. Mrs. Tredway is ill in bed. She had a very bad night; she looks dreadfully ill this morning, and her head is giving her great pain. It would have been quite impossible for her to come out. She can't even lift her head from the pillow."

"And what message has she sent?" he asked with a perceptible sneer.

"She wished me to ask you to give her time. She says she will do all you wish, let you have anything you want, if you will only give her time. She said I was to beg you to keep silence, to implore you to avoid publicity." A short laugh greeted her words.

"I am to wait, am I?" he said slowly. "Oh! oh! that's the game, is it? A waiting game for me, whilst she plays the deuce? I'm not good at waiting—miss—who are you, by the way?" His eyes all at once returned to her face with a fierce stare that did not serve to reassure her.

"My name is Denne," she answered. "I am maid to Mrs. Tredway's daughters."

"Maid? You a maid? You can't mean that?" he questioned. "This is a funny topsy-turvey country. You should like to know what you are masquerading as a maid? You were never meant to do work of that sort, I'll be bound. And why is there something familiar about you? Have I seen you before?"

"No, never," Meg answered emphatically. "I think I must be very like somebody, indeed, for only a few weeks ago I was asked the same question you have just asked me, and I remember that person of some one he had seen before."

"Oh! Who was the person who said that to you?"

"Mr. Marstead." Meg answered, intuitively guessing that it was better to give direct replies to this strange man rather than to risk rousing his anger by refusing information, although she disliked his rough questions as much as she shrank from his whole dominating personality.

"Marstead! Geoffrey Marstead, the millionaire? Pity he doesn't fall in love with you and prevent you from acquainting us a maid. Ridiculous position for you to be in—a maid indeed!" The color flew over Meg's face, but she had no time to answer, for the stranger went on quickly.

"All the same, maid or no maid, there's something familiar to me about you—I can't make out what it is, or why I feel as if I'd somewhere seen you before. I'm pretty certain I never did see you, and yet your voice reminds me of somebody; your gestures make me think of some one I've seen. It's more than the voice and gestures, too! I've seen your face or a picture of your face. I could swear I had, but where! Where could it have been? The very turn of your head is familiar to me. Ah! well, never mind about that now. Some chance likeness, I suppose, though a very marked one. So Mrs. Tredway orders me to hold my tongue, does she? She will give me what I want, and do what I want, if I hold my tongue? Is that it? She's afraid of publicity?" He laughed harshly.

"She begs you to be silent," Meg said, gently. "She says if you will give her time, if you will only give her time, you shall have what you want."

"Do you know what it is I want? Are you in her confidence?" The man's eyes glared down at the girl. "How far has she trusted you?"

"I guess nothing except that I have said to you," Meg answered quietly, hoping her companion did not know how much she was trembling, and how fast her heart was beating. "Mrs. Tredway has not trusted me at all but her confidence beyond sending me here with a message for you, and asking me not to speak to anybody. I only feel that she is ill, and very unhappy, and very, very worried, and she pleaded with you promise to do as she asks." Meg's brown eyes looked pleadingly into Mr. Matthew's face, the unconsciously clasped her hands in appeal, her thoughts had flown back to Mrs. Tredway's suffering, haggard face and miserable eyes; she felt that she must throw all her own troubles to the scale, and did not at most to move and influence this man with the queer furtive glance and the strong face. "Please do what Mrs. Tredway asks you," she repeated.

A softer expression swept over the man's face, the dreaminess in his eyes died down.

"What does it matter if you what I do one way or the other?" he asked, with a trace of amusement in his voice. "Why are you so anxious to help Mrs. Tredway? All this is no affair of yours, and I dare swear she doesn't make your bed or sit down in her house; it isn't her way to, make beds of roses for her maids."

"I am so sorry for her, so very sorry," Meg answered; "I can't bear to see anybody so unhappy; and she is ill as well as unhappy. Please, couldn't you promise to do what she asks?"

The girl herself had no idea how sweet were the eyes she uplifted to his, how tremulously sweet was her pleading smile. She was quite unconscious of doing her utmost to help Mrs. Tredway; she did not think about herself at all.

"I am not a man to make rash promises," Mr. Matthew answered, after a moment of silence; "but, look here—though I won't promise rashly because I never do—but will say this much. I'll hold my tongue for a month—see? for a month. I won't promise more. But we'll see what a month brings forth, and if by then she hasn't held to her part of the bargain, there won't be much more question of silence then. I shall take action." I give her a month—after that things will take their course." He spoke with a decision which seemed Meg to be final and irrevocable. His mouth set itself to an obstinate line, his eyes hardened; it was altogether a look which she had reached the limit of what she could induce him to promise, and as though to emphasize her thoughts, he held out his hand with a pleasant smile.

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Canada Must Eat Potatoes

Lord Rhondda, the British food controller, advises the people of Canada to use their surplus potatoes by eating them, and thus economize on cereals. In a statement issued recently regarding the importation of potatoes into the United Kingdom he says that, as all available tonnage will be required to maintain the supply of the essential foodstuffs, such as wheat, bacon and cheese, he is unable to arrange facilities for the importation of Canadian potatoes. Lord Rhondda suggests that the best use for the surplus of Canadian potatoes would be direct consumption in Canada. In such a way it will economize the consumption of cereals and set free a larger quantity of such cereals for export to the United Kingdom.—Christian Science Monitor.

No Petticoat Embarrassments

United States army officers whose wives persist in following them to fringe will be relieved of their considerations and returned to the United States. The United States war department all along has opposed and indeed forbidden wives of officers accompanying their husbands to Europe. Many army women, however, desiring to be near at hand, have availed themselves of the privilege of enlistment in the American Red Cross, and have thus circumvented the department. This practice cannot be continued.

Sale of School Lands

Some Remarkably High Prices are Obtained This Year

Judging from eagerness of farmers in Western Canada to secure more land, next year should see a large increase in the acreage under cultivation. Thanks to the high prices they are obtaining for their products, farmers have more ready money than ever they had before, and many are availing themselves of present conditions to increase the size of their holdings. During the last few days a number of sales of school lands have taken place at various points in Saskatchewan. School lands, it may be explained, consist of parcels of land which have been reserved in nearly every township in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and originally comprised approximately one-eighteenth of the entire area of the three provinces. They are administered by the Dominion government in trust, with the object of establishing a fund for educational purposes, and are disposed of by sale from time to time at public auction, subject to a certain upset price.

At the sales just held in Saskatchewan some remarkably high prices for land land in Western Canada were obtained. For instance, at Nokomis, Saskatchewan, where the first of the series of sales took place, one parcel of 160 acres was sold for $76 an acre. Other parcels were knocked down at $70, $67, $50 and $45 per acre. The total proceeds of this sale amounted to $770,000. At the sale at Young, Saskatchewan, the total proceeds amounted to $515,768 from 154 parcels sold. The highest price secured here was $54 an acre for 160 acres near Viscount, Saskatchewan. At Morse, Saskatchewan, 155 parcels were disposed of for $350,000, $45 being the highest price per acre paid, while at Brownlee, Saskatchewan, 227 parcels sold realized $838,000, the highest price per acre recorded being $50.

Land buying has not been confined to school lands, however, nor have sales been the only lands to sell at prices above the average. Profitable crops, together with the desire of farmers to do their bit by producing as much as possible, have created great activity in the land business generally, and several parts of farm land have changed recently at what, in Western Canada, are high prices. Any number of cases, these lands had hitherto been lying idle, and they were, before being bought for cultivation purposes, their sale will result in greater production. Among some of the private sales recorded are 320 acres near Regina, Saskatchewan, at $90 an acre; 160 acres near Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, at $60 an acre; 800 acres near Radisson, Saskatchewan, for $32,000; and 10,000 acres near Lethbridge, Alberta, for $250,000.

Interesting the Children

Seed Fairs are Popular During Winter Months

Seed fairs have become one of the most important branches of agricultural education. In Saskatchewan they were begun seven years ago, and have increased in size and importance each year. This year forty of these fairs have already been arranged for throughout the province. They will open about the middle of this month and continue until the middle of June.—In conjunction with them, poultry shows are often held, and sometimes live stock is exhibited.

The college of agriculture sends two judges to each fair; one to explain the formation about seed and other agricultural matters, the other to discuss live stock. The judges, who are graduates of the agricultural college, remain one or two days at each place, as the agricultural solicitor desires.

Interesting the children is considered a most important part of these fairs, and the judges and school authorities co-operate to enable children to take part in them. At every live stock show is held in connection with the fairs, children show animals that have reared themselves. Sometimes they show a pig, a lamb, a colt or a calf. They keep charts showing when the animal came under their care, its weight at that time, how it has been fed, and what it has cost for feeding. When the fair is called a completed project, and, it has been observed, a child can learn as much from one project as from several months at school.

Rather Absurd

For a gallant crew to start out on the conquest of Great Britain in a million-dollar airship 600 feet long to be brought down in France by tire trouble or something, and to be secured by a farm hand with a single gun out hunting rabbits—well, that is adding terrors to war!—New York World.

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Fifty new ways to end the war are proposed daily to the U.S. war department, for that many military inventions are submitted every twenty-four hours and nearly every inventor claims his device will revolutionize warfare. Ninety-nine out of 100 are discarded as impracticable in the war emergency, but for the sake of the possibilities in the one all are welcomed.

Here are a few of the devices before the war department's board of ordnance and fortifications, which gives preliminary investigations to inventions:

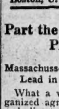
Polished reflectors to throw sunlight into the eyes of the enemy and blind him; elaborated sling shots for hurling bombs; land torpedoes resembling small tractor engines to run across "No Man's Land" and explode in the enemy trench; aerial torpedoes to fly without a pilot; double lines connected by rockets to entangle airplanes in the skies; self-propelling bombs resembling skyrockets, with pistols attached to the hilt, to inflict double wounds; coats of mail, like medieval armor, to make soldiers shot proof; like raindrops; hand grenades with trailer strings, the pulling of which causes explosion after the grenade lands in the enemy trench; centrifugal guns, which whirl bullets until they gain sufficient momentum and then feed them out in a steady stream; safety parachutes to allow aviators to drop from disabled machines; modernized catapults for hurling trench bombs and smoke bombs to be thrown by charging infantrymen a moment before the bayonets clash.

Nearly 6,000 inventions have been offered the war department since war was declared. Many with strong elements of merit are rejected because they cannot be adapted in short time to war exigencies.

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Part the Church can Play in Country Life

Massachusetts Man Thinks It Should Lead in Social Welfare Work

What a wonderful opportunity organized agriculture presents to train and direct the push and energy of youth! If agriculture will keep at home some of the jobs which can be done in the country, but which as now organized are located in the city, these back-to-the-farm, rural-life, crowded-city and depleted-race aspirations will be solved. Accomplishing this do not forget that a social department is a vital thing to a country business organization. Man is a social being craving the society of men, and properly directed by his own experience and ideals; he wants entertainment, but unknowingly will choose that best fitted into his life and his amusement will naturally be from topics which his training and experience enable him the most easily to comprehend.

This branch of the organization should include schools, both trade and business, preparing him for his work instead of the university. This is the proper department for sanitation, nursing and clinics dealing especially with children's diseases. There should be physical training with gymnasiums, shower baths, bowling and other games, as well as military drill.

The proper agency to successfully undertake this part of the organization is the church, weak now because its time is spent in prayer and praise, without criticizing which it may be suggested that faith without works is void, and the demand now is for community service and public welfare. You should every one support the church, preferably from the highest religious motives, if it is necessary, because of business necessity. Its history, standing, motives and foundation principles, universally acknowledged, make it the only agency to successfully accomplish these social benefits.—M. L. Brans in Report of Massachusetts Board of Agriculture.

Manitoba Goes to Montana for Sheep

The Manitoba government officials, not being able to buy enough sheep in Ontario at the stockyards, are going to Montana for them, the import duty being taken off in order to get them in.

Reflex of Good Prices for Produce

Some Indications of Western Canada's Prosperity This Year

After a careful study of available statistical matter, a Winnipeg newspaper estimates that the cash returns which will be received by the farmers of Manitoba this year for their crop and produce will be between sixty-five and seventy-five millions of greater than last year's. The largest increase is in the wheat crop, which in 1916 is estimated to have yielded $46,722,588, while a conservative estimate for the present year shows that the wheat crop in Manitoba should yield $199,239,760, or nearly $153,000,000 more than in 1916. The latter estimate is based upon the price of $2.05 per bushel, which in view of the fact that the wheat is grading high, seems a very fair basis for an estimate. The acreage in wheat this year is not so great as in 1916, but the average yield per acre is almost seven bushels more.

While the oat crop is not so good this year as in 1916, the estimated yield being lower despite an increased acreage, the increased price will make the value of the oat crop exceed last year's by more than five million dollars.

Dairy products will show a marked increase, and although it is yet too early to estimate the total cash receipts for butter, cheese, milk and cream, it seems safe to say that the increase will be considerably more than $5,000,000. Last year dairy products were valued at $4,483,614. Manitoba butter continues to be in great demand and the Montreal market in particular, is bidding for every pound it can get. More than eighty cars of Manitoba creamery butter have been shipped east this year, and as each car represents $6,000 in cash, it is easy to realize the importance of the export butter industry to this province, which a few years ago was importing the larger part of its own requirements.

Equal conditions exist in Saskatchewan and Alberta. No better indication of the general prosperity of the west can be given than is afforded by the present state of the banking business. Winnipeg, which may be termed the gateway of the west, has stepped into the second place in the bank clearing returns of the Dominion, running Montreal very close. In a recent week the figures were nearly seventy-five millions and a half more than Toronto's, and only about five millions less than Montreal's. Corresponding gains in the clearings place, having doubled or almost doubled the figures of last year every week for the past six weeks. While it is not suggested that the bank clearing returns indicate the correct financial comparison with the cities of the east, which have a much larger population, they are decidedly favorable and presage great things for the west.

There Must Be No Negotiated Peace

Germany Has Made Herself the Outlaw Among Nations

We must now fight with all our might or be destroyed. Any peace the allies or else fear the day when we will have to fight without allies because we have destroyed them. The war lasts the cause of our allies is our cause, their defeat would be our defeat, and whoever assails them or defends Germany is a traitor to the United States. There must be no negotiated peace. Belgium is entitled to an enormous indemnity and France to annexation of Alsace and Lorraine. By her marine murdered and her shore raids and her utter treachery and abominable cruelty Germany has made herself the outlaw among nations, and with her we should negotiate only through the mouths of our cannon. All who now advocate a negotiated peace with her are assisting to delay civilization in the interest of brute force and international outrage.—Theodore Roosevelt in Kansas City Star.

Madame Sukhomlinoff, wife of the general of that name, sentenced recently to a fortnight's imprisonment, or perhaps was, the most extravagant woman in Russia. Her dress bill came to 150,000 roubles per annum. Her parliamentary account reached one year to 15,000 roubles, and on being solicited for the reduction of the account she ordered the messenger who brought it to her to be horsewhipped and driven from the precincts of her mansion

Co-Operation in Live Stock Shipping

Co-operative Associations to Take up Shipping of Live Stock

With the object of encouraging agricultural co-operative associations to take up more extensively the shipping of live stock, the co-operative organizations branch of the department of agriculture of the province of Saskatchewan is issuing receipt and accounting forms for use in connection with the marketing of stock. These are based on the experiences of associations carrying on this kind of work during recent years.—The forms tend to simplify the business greatly and contain many labor-saving devices. They are accompanied by a bulletin explaining their use. One set, which is sufficient to record a whole year's business, is supplied free to every association engaged in live stock marketing, and afterwards they are to be supplied at cost, which will be in the neighborhood of $5 per set.

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Food in Berlin

Nauseating Concoctions Used as Food in the German Capital

Increasing price and deteriorating quality are the characteristics of food in Berlin, as described by an American writer, recently a resident of the German capital, in the Atlantic Monthly. Here are some items on the Berliner's bill of fare: Mussel sausage—"a nauseating concoction of ground mussels and spices"; dried sea lion's meat, made in a stew—"after one or two attacks of nausea people came to like the concoction—it filled a vacuum"; bread containing five per cent. sawdust and five per cent. flour ground from straw; crows and seagulls—"considered great delicacies"; horseflesh at 60 cents a pound; rancid Danish butter at $2 a pound; slightly tuberculous meat—"every inspection is a thing of the past"; barley, acorns and carrots for coffee—"there has been no coffee in the market for the past two years." Rice costs $2 a pound; wheat soup $2 a cake; and there has been so scarce that "in the past year a cow has been an honored member of more than one palatial residence, leading a pampered existence in the courtyard."

She (perplexed, binding a small cut in his hand)—Now, I wonder what a regular nurse would do in this case?

He (eagerly)—Marry the patient, of course!

Lady—I'm afraid you don't like work. Why good gracious, you've only whipped and driven from the premises of her mansion

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Grain Yields of The Prairie Provinces

Preliminary Estimate Completed by the Census and Statistics Office

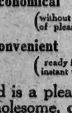
According to the preliminary estimate compiled by the census and statistic office of the Dominion government the total production of wheat in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta is 225,314,000 bushels from 13,619,370 acres, as compared with 242,314,000 bushels from 14,642,200 acres in 1916. In Manitoba the total yield of wheat for 1917 is 41,362,809 bushels, as compared with 28,667,000 bushels in 1916, in Saskatchewan 130,356,000 as against 147,499,000 bushels, and in Alberta 53,780,500 bushels against 65,088,000 bushels. Oats yield 268,189,350 bushels in the three provinces as compared with 313,916,000 bushels in 1916, barley 43,168,400 bushels against 33,419 bushels, rye 2,496,850 against 1,545,000 bushels and flax seed 7,339,700 as against 8,212,500 bushels. These figures are subject to revision on receipt of complete threshing results.

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Gun That Never Stops

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Announcement has been made of the development of an American machine gun capable of continuous firing says Popular Mechanics." Ammunition is carried to its feed block by an endless belt kept filled by an automatic reloading mechanism. Supply hoppers contain from 2,500 to 10,000 cartridges and are replenished or replaced without interfering with operation. Most machine guns fire 500 shots a minute and are supplied with ammunition by belts holding approximately 250 cartridges. Thus they are able to fire uninterruptedly for only thirty seconds, while the new instrument spits thousands of missiles without pausing, and thereby does the work of two ordinary pieces.



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War Bread

Will Teach Us All Some Sadly Needed Lessons in Economy

The food administration will consider that it has accomplished a great deal if it is able to give the American people this winter an acceptable war loaf, standardized as to size, price and ingredients. Such a loaf would have the advantages of the bread card system without any of its disagreeable features. Mr. Hoover himself is making war bread experiments in Philadelphia, and various state food administrators, among them the head of the movement in Montana, have taken it up independently.

The American war loaf will be real, palatable food. No one need worry on that score. It will not be the black bread of Russia, nor will it contain chopped straw or chalk, after the manner of the German and Austrian masterpieces of malnutrition. On the other hand, it will not be the snowy white bread that Americans have doled themselves out as believing is the paragon of all foods.

Probably it will contain a modicum of corn. Corn bread has failed to gain wide popularity chiefly because so few people know how to make it properly. Another anti-corn bread factor is the system of marketing that makes corn meal cost more than white flour, which is all wrong. There is nothing to indicate that people will not eat corn meal if they get it as an ingredient of a well-baked loaf sold at a reasonable price.

When common sense gets in its work, the glaring faults of our present bread regime will be apparent to everyone. There is no common sense in a pound of bread costing more here than it does in London. There is no common sense in stubborn insistence on bread made only of bleached white flour, or in a system whereby a 10c loaf weighs twice as much in one city as in another, or in the outlandish profits that the ordinary run of bakers are at present extracting from a brow-beaten public. War bread will teach us all some sadly needed lessons in economy and the science of eating well.—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

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Prohibition in Seattle

Happy Results of the Adoption of a Strict Policy

Prohibition does prohibit when the authorities in the state take a serious business of enforcing the law. Seattle's experience in connection with the adoption of prohibition has been so favorable that one of its daily papers, the Chronicle, which opposed the proposal to make the state dry, is very emphatically proclaiming the happy results of the adoption of a policy which it opposed. It is quoted as saying:

"This paper is ready at ten seconds notice to fight its best against any serious effort to repeal or cripple the prohibition law. For four months now Seattle has honestly tried prohibition; and it has prohibited. Not perfectly, but better than any laws prohibit fast driving, or larceny laws prohibit theft."

Police records for the corresponding months of 1915 and 1916 shows as follows: January 1 till May 1, 1915 —drunks, 501; vagrants, 441; disorderly, 246; January 1 till May 1, 1916 —drunks, 159; vagrants 128; disorderly, 89. The county jail has 100 cells to let that had tenants a year ago, and the Poor Farm has lost one-fourth of its boarders.

"Add to this that unemployment is less, destitution is less, poverty is less than twelve months ago; divorces are fewer; collections are better; dives have closed; white slaves are not to be found; burglaries and holdups have dwindled; the panhandler has vanished; grocers, clothing merchants, and shoe dealers report gains in business, ranging from five to thirty-five per cent.; new business blocks are built; the banks hold millions more in deposits than they held last year; and hotel men who at that time were near panic over the coming of the new law are wearing smiles as they turn surplus guests away."—Presbyterian.

If prohibition can be enforced in such cities as Seattle or Kansas City, Kansas, it can be enforced anywhere, and yet some people contend that it can't be enforced in large cities in Ontario. The fact is that when business men find the great increase in business that follows prohibition they will not stand to be robbed of their prosperity nor longer by the beer and whiskey venders.—H. Arnot, M. B., M.C.P.S.

Fire Loss in Saskatchewan

Arthur E. Fisher, superintendent of insurance for the province of Saskatchewan, reports fire losses in his province during 1916 as $1,558,192. Property destroyed included 178 barns, 14 churches, 488 dwellings, 31 grain elevators, 37 granaries, 27 hotels 54 general stores, 36 stables and 11 warehouses.

Judge—The police say that you and your wife had some words.

Prisoner—I had some Judge, but I didn't get a chance to use them.—Puck.

Making the Home Attractive

How One Farmer Kept His Boy on the Farm

A drainage inspector in a Canadian province once visited a certain farmer and found him not only in possession of a good house, with modern sanitary equipment, but he and his family were enjoying the occupation of the best rooms in the house. On being asked why he did not live in the kitchen like his neighbors, and why he looked so much after the comforts of his home, he replied that he wanted to keep his boy on the farm, and that he could not expect to do so if he did not provide him with home comforts equal to those enjoyed by people of equal means and rank of life in the city. There is more sound philosophy in the method of that farmer than is found between the covers of many text books on rural depopulation.—From Rural Planning and Development.



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Wheat Grades High

Seventy-five Per Cent. of Crop Grading No. 1

The new official estimate of the department of agriculture of Saskatchewan places the wheat crop of this province at 130,000,000 bushels, which is considerably in excess of the estimates previously made. The increase seems to have been brought about largely by better yields than were expected in the western part of the province—the territory tributary to Saskatoon. Seventy-five per cent. of the crop, it is officially stated, will grade No. 1 Northern.

Miller's Worm Powders not only exterminate intestinal and other worms, but they are a remedy for many other ailments of children. They strengthen the young stomach against biliousness and are tonical in their effects where the child suffers from loss of appetite. In feverish conditions they will be found useful and they will serve to allay pain and griping in the stomach, from which children so often suffer.

Shells Charged With Pepper

The possibility of using pepper shells was brought up in the British parliament recently, and caused some merriment, but Sir Desmond O'Callaghan, an expert on explosives thinks there is nothing unusual in the apparently ludicrous suggestion made to the war office that the shells used by our anti-aircraft guns should be filled with peppper instead of bullets. The inventor's idea was that the discharged pepper would blind the raider, cause him to sneeze and lose control of his machine.

"Do you miss the old excitement that Crimson Gulch offered before the town went dry?"

"Not so much," replied Broncho Bob; "prices have gone up so that two buckwheat cakes and a fried egg seem like regular dissipation."—Washington Star.

The Minister of Labor

From Railroad Telegrapher to Cabinet Minister Within a Year

The rise of Hon. Mr. Robertson from the ranks of labor to membership in the national cabinet is the most spectacular in the history of Canadian politics.

A year ago he was almost unknown beyond his own brotherhood of railway telegraphers, but Hon. Mr. Crothers found him and sent him up on a mission to Calgary, there to see what he could do in bringing to an end the deadlock between the Fernie miners and operators. At once he gained the confidence both of the men and the employers and succeeded in getting the parties to come to an agreement, thus ending a most disastrous situation.

The minister of labor was naturally well pleased with the success of his missioner and saw the possibilities of much more good work. So when the time came to appoint new senators he brought forward the name of Mr. Robertson, thus Mr. Robertson became the first representative of labor in the upper chamber. He is also the youngest member of that body. Now he finds himself a cabinet minister and evidently with a great future before him. "From railroad telegrapher to senator and then cabinet minister within a year" is something of a story. —Halifax Herald.

A GRAND MEDICINE FOR LITTLE ONES

Baby's Own Tablets are a grand medicine for little ones. They are a mild but thorough laxative; are absolutely safe; easy to give and never fail to cure any of the minor ills of little ones. Concerning them Mrs. Jas. S. Hustley, Gleason Road, N.B., writes:—"I have used Baby's Own Tablets and have found them perfectly satisfactory for my little one. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The T. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

School Boys and Birds

The little .22 rifle in the hands of the boy is a serious menace to bird life. Give a young lad one of these miniature rifles, and he is at once ambitious to test it out on killing something. If school boys were taught their dependence upon the work the birds do to protect man's food products destructive insects they would place a much greater value upon their feathered friends.

It Doesn't' Dare to Now

A correspondent writes that in the little villages where American troops are quartered in France the stores sell American matches, American mustard, American groceries, American sterilized milk—"everything American except American whisky." Whisky used to follow the flag, but it doesn't dare to do it now.—Detroit News.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

Saskatchewan's Potato Crop

After completing the tabulation of several thousand reports from all over the province, the department of agriculture of Saskatchewan estimates that the average yield of potatoes this year is 102 bushels per acre, from about 67,000 acres under cultivation.

He Lives in Constant Fear Who Has Neurasthenia

SUCH ideas often dominate the mind of the sufferer from nervous exhaustion or neurasthenia.

He may be strong and active physically, but he finds himself unable to concentrate the mind, fearful to depend on himself, and shrinking at the thought of any responsibility.

Some fear to be in a crowd, while others dread to be left alone. Some dislike meeting people, while others live in constant, morbid dread of the future, fearing insanity or accident or disease.

Fear brings worry and an irritation of the nerves, so that sleep is interrupted and digestion fails. In this way is formed the vicious circle of neurasthenia, and the nervous system becomes weaker and weaker, until it collapses, and the result is some form of paralysis.

Fear of Self—Fear of Others—Fear of the Future

The Food Cure

Mr. Laurence E. Dorsey, 39 Stanley Street, London, Ont., writes:—About three years ago I got my foot smashed in an elevator in Detroit, which completely wrecked my nerves. I doctored with the doctors there, but they did not seem to be able to help me. My nerves were in such a state that I could not go down town alone, or go any place where there was a crowd. Sometimes my mother would have to sit and watch over me at night, and sometimes I could not get any sleep at all. But one day last winter I commenced using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and before I had completely used the first box I could see a difference in my condition. I continued using these pills for some time. The result was splendid. I feel so much better, can sleep well at night, can go out on the street and attend gatherings like the rest of people. I am so pleased to be able to tell you what Dr. Chase's Nerve Food has done for me, and to recommend it to other people."

New vigor and energy and vitality must be instilled into the depleted nerve cells if cure is to be effected, and this is most certainly accomplished by such treatment as Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

Since the digestive system is incapacitated it is most essential to get into the blood stream the very elements which are found in this great food cure.

The blood is made rich and red, the starved nerve cells are restored and revitalized, and with returning vigor and strength and confidence the harmful notions of a diseased brain soon disappear.

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The Test Question

When the Allies Can Afford to Make Peace With Germany

The question which the allies must ask themselves is this: Will the Junkers, if we should make some kind of a compromise peace, be able to say to the German people, "We have not quite brought you the victory we promised, but see how near we came to it, and see, at the worst, what we accomplished against a world of enemies." If the German people believe that it is the Prussian system which saved it then the allies dare not make peace. The world will, indeed, be unsafe for democracy. But if the German people should turn upon the Junkers and quote their own words against them, namely, that the country has been saved by the devotion and suffering of the common man, then the allies can afford to make peace. They will have brought about that fall of the Prussian system which they set out to encompass. And events at the moment of writing show that the process within Germany is full under way.—Yale Review.

Awful Asthma Attacks. Is there a member of your family who is in the power of this distressing trouble? No service you can render him will equal the bringing to his attention of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy. This remarkable remedy rests its reputation upon what it has done for others. It has a truly wonderful record, covering years and years of success in almost every part of this continent, and even beyond the seas.

They seated themselves at a table. "Will you have a little shrimp?" he asked.

"Dear me," she exclaimed. "This is so sudden!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"You shouldn't worry over what the newspapers say about you."

"I don't," replied Senator Sorghum. "What strikes me as ominous is the fact that they are overlooking me as a topic."—Washington Star.

A Better Understanding

Japan and the U. S. Reach Agreement in Regard to China

Japan and the United States have reached a complete agreement in regard to China, and at the same time have arrived at a clear understanding as to military, naval and economic co-operation in the war against Germany.

This momentuous development was announced by Secretary of State Lansing, who made public notes exchanged by him and Viscount Ihii, the special Japanese ambassador, formally an agreement recognizing that Japan has a special interest in China but pledging the independence and teritorial integrity of the great eastern republic and re-affirming the doctrine of the "open door" for commerce and industry.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

Saved by the War

He was a young aviator and by this time is on his way "Over There." A few months ago he was wrecking a strong constitution in New York, staying up nearly all night and breakfasting at 10 o'clock. And then the call came. The night before he was leaving I heard him talking at an opposite table: "If this war hadn't come along I do not know what would have happened to me. I'm afraid I was becoming a parasite. The minute I got on a uniform I felt different. I can look a lot of folks in the eye now that I used to dodge when I saw them coming."

Miss Sorghum—Isn't Mrs. Roxton pretty? She seems to be growing younger every day.

Mrs. Oldmynx—Yes, indeed; she is one of our most successful camouflueurs.—Life.

Dr. Karl Muck, leader of the Boston Symphony orchestra, who refused to play the "Star Spangled Banner," has gone mad. Three cheers for the Red, White and Blue.—Detroit Times.

With full appreciation of the deeper significance attaching to the celebration of the Christmas festival at the present crisis

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MEALS AT ALL HOURS

Local and Personal

Christmas day passed very quietly in town; the day was very cold.

G. Wilson, druggist for G. L. Brown, left on a trip to western points on Thursday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Blackburn, of Cavendish, on December 7, a daughter.

Lawyer D. S. Sutherland, spent a few days this week in Swift Current on business.

Mr. J. McNiel left for Milden, Sask., on Saturday last, with the purpose of spending his Christmas holidays there.

Messrs. G. M. Johnson and J. Curran, arrived from Medicine Hat on Thursday last by auto, returning on Saturday

The children of the school were successful in collecting $126 towards the relief of the sufferers in the Halifax disaster.

Nominations of officers for the coming year, 1918, of the Local Chapter I.O.D.E. will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Jan. 2nd, at the home of Mrs. Belfie. All members are urged to be present.

We can wish no better thing for all our readers than that they begin the new year animated by a firm resolve to turn all its experience into profit for themselves, mentally, morally socially and materially, and then to faithfully carry out the resolution

We are informed that the purpose of forming a rural municipality in the south-west has been stopped. What co-operative steps do the farmers of this district intend to make to check the growth of weeds which made such luxuriant growth last season, and are steadily gaining in their hold on the district?

Albert Murphy is visiting at Thamesville, Ont.

J. Hamilton left for Medicine Hat, on Monday.

The local I.O.D.E., on Thursday, sent $100 to Halifax to help the distressed victims of the big disaster which recently occured there.

Ladies of the I.O.D.E who are appointed to serve at the War Veterans Dance are kindly asked to remember that the date is Monday, December 31.

Mrs G. L. Brown, acted as Mrs. Santa Claus on Christmas Eve, and distributed a number of gifts among the children of the town.

Miss E. Deckman, left for Blackie, Alta., on Saturday last, for the spending of her Christmas holidays there.

Mrs. Isaac Cole and her son, Mr. F. G. M. Cole have been confined to their home this past week with sickness.

Miss Helen Shepherd and Miss Edna Peters left on Saturday for Calgary to spend Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Malton.

DOGS

A number of small pups, will make good farm dogs.—Enquire, "Express" office.

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